

OTHER BIG GAME TAGS

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

All applicants for 2002 big game tags must first purchase a nonrefundable 2002/2003 California hunting license. Your driver's license, DMV or DFG identification number and date of birth are required as permanent hunter identification for drawing purposes. (The Department will assign a DFG identification number to persons without a driver's license/DMV ID number.)

IMPORTANT! Your hunter ID number will be used to track points in future drawings.

Important! By law, you may only apply once for each species. Persons submitting multiple applications for the same species will be rejected from the drawing and may be prosecuted.

Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep: Applicants must be 16 years of age or older at the time of application and must not have received a California bighorn sheep tag in any prior year. Both residents and nonresidents may apply but only one nonresident may be drawn.

Roosevelt, Rocky Mountain and Tule Elk: Applicants must be residents, 12 years of age or older at the time of application.

Pronghorn Antelope: Applicants must be residents, 12 years of age or older at the time of application. Applicants for buck antelope tags must not have received a buck antelope tag in the past ten years (1992 or later). Applicants for junior hunts are exempt from this requirement.

Junior antelope hunts: Applicants must be residents and possess a 2002/2003 Junior California hunting license. If drawn, juniors must be accompanied by an adult chaperon, 18 years of age or older.

Party Applications for Elk and Antelope: You may apply for elk and antelope drawings alone or as a party of no more than two persons. To be considered as a party, you must apply together on the same application.

If your party is drawn for the last available tag, the party leader will

be awarded a tag and the party member will become the first alternate for that hunt. Parties drawn as alternates will be awarded unclaimed tags on an individual basis.

Check your application carefully! You may not make changes after submitting your application. Late, incomplete and ineligible applications and applications submitted without appropriate processing fees will be rejected.

DRAWING RESULTS: Drawings will be completed by June 13, 2002. Beginning June 24, draw results will be available by phone from most DFG offices and on the Internet at: www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/index.html.

Successful applicants and alternates should receive notices in the mail by July 2. Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified.

TAG FEES: Successful drawing applicants and alternates will be contacted after the drawing and must submit tag fees by July 15, 2002: Bighorn Sheep-\$270.25 (resident), \$500.00 (nonresident); Resident Elk-\$286.75; Resident Antelope-\$95.75.

Antelope, Elk and Bighorn Sheep Drawings: Look for applications in the back of this book. Applications and nonrefundable processing fees (\$6.75 per person for each species) must be received by 5:00 p.m., JUNE 3, 2002. Mail to the DFG's License and Revenue Branch, P. O. Box 989041, West Sacramento, CA 95798-9041 or deliver in person to 3211 S Street, Sacramento, CA.

BEAR TAGS

Applicants must be at least 12 years of age at the time of application and possess a 2002/2003 California hunting license. Hunters are limited to one bear tag each license year. Resident bear tag applications are sold at your nearest hunting license agent or DFG office. Tags are issued in person at DFG offices or by mail from the DFG's License and Revenue Branch (LRB) in Sacramento. Nonresident bear tag applications are available from DFG offices or by calling the LRB at (916) 227-2245.

Archery bear season opens August 17 and runs through September 8, 2002. The general season for black bears opens with the general deer hunting seasons in deer zones A, B, C, D, X8, X9A, X9B, X10 and X12, and extends through December 29, 2002. In the remaining X zones, the season opens October 12 and extends through December 29. When hunters report harvesting 1,700 bears, regulations require the Department to close the season early. Hunters are limited to one dog in any area where the general deer season is open.

WILD PIG TAGS

Resident and nonresident hunters, 12 years of age and older, with a valid California hunting license, may purchase wild pig hunting tags from DFG offices and designated hunting license agents. Residents must buy tags in books of five (\$9.20 per book). Nonresidents may purchase single tags (\$13.90 per tag). There is no limit on the number of wild pig tags one person may purchase, however, tags are nonrefundable and cannot be transferred from one person to another. Tags are valid throughout the 2002/2003 license year (July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003). There is no bag or possession limit for wild pig, and the season is year round.

For a free copy of the DFG's wild pig hunting guide, call (916) 653-2225.

PRIVATE LANDS HUNTS

Nearly 70 landowners throughout the state offer hunting opportunities for big game species such as deer, antelope and elk under the DFG's Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management (PLM) Program. Under this program, the Fish and Game Commission may authorize limited numbers of tags for certain species to landowners who agree to protect and improve valuable wildlife habitat in conformance with the DFG's management plans for those species. Landowners may offset their costs for habitat work on their property by charging licensed hunters access and service fees. PLM properties range in size from 340 to 270,000 acres. To ensure that no California hunter takes more than two deer in any license year, hunters must turn in a DFG deer tag application or unfilled deer tag to obtain a PLM deer tag. **For a list of participating landowners, contact the DFG's License and Revenue Branch in Sacramento at (916) 227-2245.**

GUIDE SERVICES

For a list of hunting guides, write to: **Department of Fish and Game, License and Revenue Branch, 3211 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95816**, or call **(916) 227-2271**, or visit our webpage at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/index.html.

